21. *Arrears.*—Excluding the amounts falling due subsequent to 30th June 1927, the arrears amounted to Rs. 2,61,044. About half of this is due from timber defaulters of 1920-23, and tangadi defaulters of 1919-20, for which separate action is being taken. A sum of Rs. 66,500 is due from the Public Departments and Rs. 29,885 from the Kolar Gold Fields. Early action should be taken to recover these amounts.

22. *Advances.*—The progress in the adjustment of old advances is satisfactory. The Chief Conservator is requested to see that new advances are made strictly according to rules and that they are adjusted promptly.

23. *Saw Mill.*—The gross earnings of the Saw Mills amounted to Rs. 15,946 during the year and the expenditure including depreciation charges to Rs. 11,402.

24. *General.*—Representations having been made that the fee on head-loads of fuel taken from State Forests was working as a hardship on the poor who eke out their living by the sale of fuel, Government ordered the abolition of the fee. Permission was granted to allow goats to brouse in selected areas of State Forests and the privilege of obtaining timber for building purposes in Malnad parts was extended to non-agriculturists also. Permission was also granted for the free removal of certain species of wood by the *gudigars* of Sagar and Sorab in the Shimoga District for carving articles. *Tupra* leaves were allowed to be removed free by head-loads by persons who pursue *beedy*-making as a home industry. The tangadi lessees who were hard hit on account of a fall in the price of the bark consequent on the import of wattle bark were granted a rebate of two annas in the rupee as a measure of relief. Orders were passed for the grant of timber and bamboos free to the Adikarnatakas and Adidravidas for building houses. Preliminary investigations were made for treating jungle woods with the creosote produced by the Bhadravati Iron Works and a creosoting plant has been ordered for treating sleepers made out of woods hitherto not used for this purpose.

25. *Malnad Raiyats' Privileges.*—With a view to prevent the hardship caused to raiyats in cases of removal of timber in excess of quantity covered by licenses, Government have ordered the recovery of the value at concession rates for excess removals up to 25 per cent of the quantity originally licensed for and at ordinary rates for quantities above such excess.

26. The working of the Department during the year was satisfactory and Government are glad to note the good work of the Officers specially mentioned by the Chief Conservator.

R. RANGA RAO,
General Secretary to Government.

FINANCIAL SECRETARIAT.

The Report on the Working of the Muzrai Department.

READ—

The Report on the working of the Muzrai Department during the year 1926-27, received with the Muzrai Commissioner's letter No. C. 303 of 1927-28, dated the 25th October 1927.

ORDER NO. 1105—MUZ. 98-27-4, DATED 11TH JANUARY 1928.

Recorded.

2. Mr. P. G. D'Souza, Revenue Commissioner in Mysore was *Ex-officio* Muzrai Commissioner during almost the whole of the year under report.

3. *The Religious and Charitable Institutions Regulation of* 1927.—The Muzrai Regulation VII of 1913 was superseded by the Religious and Charitable Institutions Regulation VII of 1927 which came into force from 1st April 1927.

4. *Income and Expenditure.*—The total income and expenditure of Muzrai Institutions during the year under report were according to the accounts maintained in the Muzrai Commissioner's Office Rs. 7,56,139 and Rs. 5,72,674 respectively, as against Rs. 6,19,017 and Rs. 5,16,179 in the previous year.

5. *Construction and Repairs.*—Estimates for 166 works of the aggregate value of Rs. 91,192 were sanctioned during the year. One hundred and sixty-three estimates of the aggregate value of Rs. 1,10,507 were pending execution at the beginning of the

year. An aggregate sum of Rs. 88,210 was spent on 209 old and new works. The progress in the execution of these works is not satisfactory. The Muzrai Commissioner is requested to take necessary action in the matter in consultation with the Public Works Department.

6. *Fresh Grants and Private Endowments.*—A monthly grant of Rs. 10 was sanctioned to the Veda Patasala at Nagamangala from the General Muzrai Fund and an annual cash grant of Rs. 184-8-0 to Sri Prasanna Nanjundeswaraswami temple at Mysore in lieu of the Inam lands at Naganahalli which were ordered to be sold. Small areas of land in T.-Narsipur and Nagamangala Taluks were granted at upset price for being endowed to Sri Agasteswaraswami temple at Tirumakudlu and to Sri Narayanaswami temple at Melkote. Private endowments to the aggregate value of Rs. 24,899 were accepted, chief among them being an endowment of Rs. 10,000 by Mr. Hasige Surappa of Talkad for daily feeding in Sri Agasteswaraswami temple at Tirumakudlu, of Rs. 2,000 by Mr. Subbiah of Indlabele, Anekal Taluk, for the renovation of Sri Anjaneyaswami temple at the place and of Rs. 2,626 by Mr. Kesarala Lakshmaiya of Ronur for the benefit of Sri Lakshminarasimhaswami temple at Srinivaspur.

7. *Scales of Income and Expenditure.*—Scales of income and expenditure were fixed or revised in the case of 71 institutions during the year under report as against 13 in the previous year. The number of institutions for which this has yet to be done may be reported. Local officers should be requested to give special attention to this work and scales prescribed for all institutions by the close of the current year.

8. *Mutts.*—Sanction was accorded to the appointment of Vedamurti Dwaipayanachar as the next Swamigalu of the Sripadarayaswami Mutt at Mulbagal. The property of the following Mutts continued to be under the management of Government:—

1. Vyasarayaswami Mutt at Sosale.
2. Sivaganga Mutt, Nelamangala Taluk.
3. Hariharpur Mutt, Koppa Taluk.
4. Sampige Mutt, Do
5. Sravanabelagola Mutt, Channarayapatna Taluk.
6. Avani Mutt, Mulbagal Taluk.
7. Palaharaswami Mutt, Chikmagalur Taluk.
8. Adi Chunchinagiri Mutt, Nagamangala Taluk.
9. Bhimanakatte Mutt, Tirthahalli Taluk.

The question of succession to the Avani and Adi Chunchinagiri Mutts has since been decided and that of the Sravanabelagola Mutt is under the consideration of Government.

9. *Muzrai Funds.*—A Budget for the General Muzrai Fund for the year 1927-28 has been sanctioned. The question of the utilisation of the Chattram Savings Fund is pending receipt of the Muzrai Commissioner's report regarding the position about Nehimi allowances. Orders were issued regarding the formation of the Muzrai Establishment Fund. The system of keeping Treasury Pass Books for Muzrai Institutions is reported to be working satisfactorily.

10. *Loss of Properties.*—Petty losses of property belonging to Muzrai Institutions worth about Rs. 142 were reported during the year. The cases are said to be under Police investigation. A sum of about Rs. 2,512 out of the value of properties lost in previous years is reported to have been recovered.

11. *Alienations.*—Out of 103 cases of unauthorised alienations including the 70 cases pending at the end of the previous year, 51 cases are reported to have been disposed of and the remaining 52 cases are pending disposal. These should be brought to speedy disposal.

12. *Inspections.*—The Muzrai Commissioner inspected 11 important Muzrai Institutions in the State during the year under report. The information given regarding the inspection work of Deputy Commissioners and local officers is inadequate and he Muzrai Commissioner is requested to give more details of these inspections in uture reports.

13. Government are glad to note that the administration of the Department during the year was satisfactory.

B. SRINIVASA IYENGAR,
Secretary to Government,
Financial Department.

Interest.

READ—

Government Notification No. Fl. 1337—G. F. 48-26-1, dated 17th August 1926, fixing with effect from 1st September 1926, the following rates of interest on deposits in the Mysore Savings Banks:—

(1) Three and one-eighth per cent per annum as at present on all current deposits which remain in the Savings Banks for less than a year.

(2) Four and half per cent per annum on deposits which are kept for a whole financial year.

ORDER NO. FL. 5520-80—G. F. 85-27-4, DATED 11TH JANUARY 1928.

Government are pleased to direct that with effect from 1st January 1928, interest at 5 per cent per annum be allowed on amounts deposited in the Savings Banks with declarations by depositors that they will not be withdrawn for a period of five years from date of deposit. Option will be given to such depositors to tender the balances to their credit to any public loan that may be floated by Government during the period.

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